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CITY OF DALLAS Urban Renewal Advisory Committee Dallas City Hall 187 SE Court Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338 Tuesday, March 4, 2014 - 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES - DRAFT

Chair David Shein, Jim Fairchild, Nancy Adams, LaVonne Wilson, Randy Hunter,

3 Rich Rohde, Joe Koubek and Rich Long. 4 Absent: Ken Jacroux, Craig Pope, Chelsea Pope 5 Staff: Community Development Director Jason Locke, Planner John Swanson 6 **CALL TO ORDER** 7 Chair David Shein called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. 8 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** 9 The minutes of the Feb. 4, 2014 meeting were presented and approved. 10 **PUBLIC COMMENTS** 11 There were none.

- **OLD BUSINESS**
- 13 Community Development Director Jason Lockereferred to the revised memo attached to the meeting
- 14 agenda outlining potential Urban Renewal projects for 2014. The memo represents a synopsis of
- 15 previous discussions about new projects undr consideration. Mr. Locke said that the potential new
- 16 project areas would be dealing with the same issues as previous projects such as as bad sidewalks, poor
- 17 drainage, and appropriate tree replacement. Please refer to the memo (attached) for the specifics of
- 18 each 2014 project option.
- 19 Te committee discussed the various projects. Discussion included similar issues faced in past projects,
- 20 unique issues to proposed 2014 projects, and estimated project costs. Since it is clear that there are
- 21 funds available to do multiple projects for the list (memo), the committee engaged in a prioritization
- 22 discussion as to which projects were achievable with funds available.
- 23 The project priority list is as follows: OPTION 6: replace 110 feet of sidewalk on the south side of Court
- 24 Street from the I-O building to the corner at Main Street at a cost of appx. \$10,000. OPTION 1: New
- 25 banner poles on Main Street at a cost of appx. \$15,000. And OPTION 5: Replace and widen the
- 26 sidewalks on the south side of Mill Street for one half block from the Main Street corner to the alley.
- 27 It was noted in the memo and was decided by the committee that OPTION 2: replace the sidewalks and
- 28 do streetscape improvements on the north side of Court Street between Main and Church, should be
- 29 reserved as a backup project if funds are available.
- 30 Prioritization summary: 1 - OPTION 6, 2 - OPTION 1, 3 - OPTION 5. OPTION 2 will be considered a
- 31 backup project.

32 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 33 Mr. Locke was asked if there is any new information on the former Armory property. He said that
- 34 purchase was still an option and we were working with the state on the purchase terms.

35 **MEMBER COMMENTS**

- 36 Mayor Brian Dalton gave a brief summary of the continuing availability of Facade Grant funding that is
- available that isn't attracting too many interested property owners. We've had one grant application
- 38 and 3 or 4 more are showing solid interest. Committee discussion turned to what could be done to
- 39 make a grant more appealing to eligible downtown property owners. Mayor Dalton recommended
- 40 considering giving the grant money in advance rather than pay it as reimbursement after work is
- 41 complete.
- 42 Chair David Shein asked the Mayor about the progress of the formation of a downtown association. Mr.
- 43 Dalton said that about 25 people had met with Sherry Stuart of Oregon Main Street and they have
- 44 formed a steering committee.

45 **STAFF COMMENTS**

46 None

47 OTHER BUSINESS

- 48 Chair David Shein remarked that he has been the Chair of the URDAC for three years now and this may
- 49 be a good time for some committee reorganization. Committee member Rich Rohde was recommended
- 50 by Chair Shein. Lavonne Wilson moved that Mr. Rohde be made Chair and Bob Brixius seconded. It was
- 51 unanimous that Rich Rohde be the new Chair effective next meeting. Committee member Joe Koubek
- 52 recommended that we also explore new membership for the committee and establish more firm rules
- 53 for its conduct.
- The meeting adjourned from City Hall at 6:25 p.m.